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In re Application of:  
**TUMEY, David**

§ Attorney Docket No.: **VAC.702.US**

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Assignee: **KCI Licensing, Inc.**

§ Examiner: **n/a**

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§ Group Art Unit: **n/a**

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Serial No: **10/090,358**

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Filing Date: **March 4, 2002**

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Title: **VACUUM ASSISTED WOUND TREATMENT APPARATUS AND  
INFECTION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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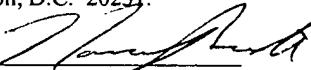
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 25, 2002, having a statutory period for response set to expire on May 25, 2002, Applicant hereby submits a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and surcharge for late filing of oath / Declaration in the amount of \$130. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0326 in the amount of \$130.00 as payment for the required fee.

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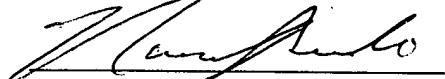
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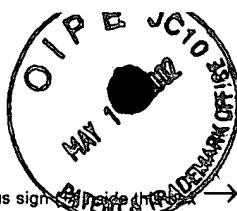
The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (210) 255-4543 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadeem G. Bridi  
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		Application Number	10/090,358
		Filing Date	March 4, 2002
		First Named Inventor	TUMEY, David
		Group Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	10	Attorney Docket Number	VAC.702.US

## ENCLOSURES *(check all that apply)*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Nadeem G. Bridi	
Signature		
Date	7 May 2002	

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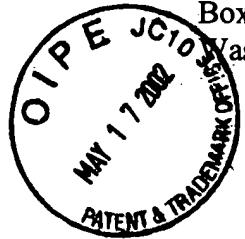
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Re: Utility Patent Application for  
"VACUUM ASSISTED WOUND TREATMENT APPARATUS AND  
INFECTION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD"  
Inventor: TUMEY, David  
Filed: 4 March 2002  
Serial No.: 10/090,358  
Attorney Docket No.: VAC.702.US

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith, please find the following for filing in the above referenced matter:

1. Transmittal Form;
2. Fee Transmittal and duplicate thereof for fee processing;
3. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts;
4. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
5. Signed Declaration;
6. Power of Attorney; and
7. Self-addressed itemized postcard to be returned upon receipt.

Please charge the \$130.00 fee required to Deposit Account no. 50-0326. A copy of this letter and fee transmittal is attached for accounting purposes.

Please contact the undersigned for any questions or concerns at (210) 255-4543. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

Nadeem G. Bridi  
Attorney for the Applicant  
Reg. No. 42,361

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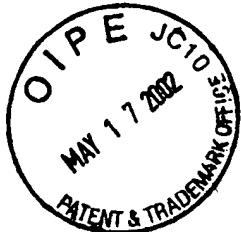
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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/090,358	03/04/2002	David Tumey	VAC.702.US



Kinetic Concepts, Inc.  
Attn: Nadeem Bridi  
P.O. Box 659508  
San Antonio, TX 78265-9508

CONFIRMATION NO. 3855  
FORMALITIES LETTER



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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/090,358
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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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Deposit Account Number 50-0326  
Deposit Account Name Kinetic Concepts, Inc.  
  
 Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2.  Payment Enclosed:  
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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	
			- 3** =	X	

## Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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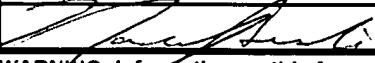
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					

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## SUBMITTED BY

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